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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: SHUM, RH
SUBJ: SENTENCING OF BISHOP LAMONT

REF: STATE 040415

1. AFTERNOON PRESS FEBRUARY 24 REPORTED BISHOP LAMONT'S SENTENCE WAS REDUCED FROM 10 TO 4 YEARS WITH 3 OF THOSE SUSPENDED FOR 5 YEARS, THUS EFFECTIVELY REDUCING SENTENCE TO ONE YEAR. REPORTS SAID ONE-YEAR SENTENCE WILL BE SPENT AT LABOR. RHODESIAN CHIEF JUSTICE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT 10-YEAR SENTENCE HAD BEEN "MANIFESTLY EXCESSIVE" BECAUSE INSUFFICIENT WEIGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO DILEMMA THAT MISSIONARIES FACED. IN CHIEF JUSTICE'S OPINION, BISHOP LAMONT'S ARGUMENT THAT COLLABORATION WITH SECURITY FORCES MADE IT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER MISSION WAS "STRONG MITIGATING FACTOR."

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2. RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 24 THAT WHAT DID NOT APPEAR IN THE PRESS WAS THAT BISHOP LAMONT WILL NOT RPT NOT SERVE THE ONE-YEAR SENTENCE BUT WILL INSTEAD HAVE HIS CITIZENSHIP REVOKED AND BE DEPORTED FROM RHODESIA. LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPORTATION WILL TAKE ABOUT ONE MONTH. BOWDLER

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